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Surgeon General honors Hospital Corps

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By [Vice Adm. Matthew Nathan](#), [U.S. Navy Surgeon General](#)



Vice Adm. Matthew Nathan, the 37th surgeon general of the Navy and chief of the Navy's Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, congratulates Petty Officer 1st Class Brandie Mendoza, Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division (Forward), Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, for her professionalism. "I was very pleasantly surprised to be recognized by my chief and by the surge experience that I am extremely gra

On behalf of [Navy Medicine](#) and a grateful nation, I extend our sincere thanks and heartfelt congratulations to the men and women of the [Hospital Corps](#), as you celebrate your 114th .

No Marine has ever taken a hill without his corpsman by his side. Our hospital corpsman deploy with Sailors and Marines around the world, provide lifesaving care and critical mission support aboard ship, in the air, under the sea and on the battlefield. We have long heard the call "Corpsman up!" that we have answered in every major battle – from the Spanish-American War to the War in Afghanistan – since the Corps' founding June 17, 1898. As Sailors and Marines deploy in harm's way, they take solace in knowing that "Doc" is beside them.

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We are currently experiencing the lowest battle mortality and non-battle injury rates in the history of armed conflict due in large part to our exceptional corpsmen and their training. This is unprecedented and something that you should all be proud of.

The Hospital Corps is the largest rating in our Navy and the most decorated in the United States. Twenty naval ships alone have been named after hospital corpsmen.

Today we honor the courage, commitment, and sacrifice of the Hospital Corps. We honor your bravery in battle, and your compassion during our global humanitarian assistance/disaster response efforts. Your willingness to help those in need leaves an indelible impression on the United States and across the globe. Your superb performance throughout our medical treatment facilities has ensured our nation has a medically ready, fit and fighting force, as well as quality and compassionate patient and family-centered health care.

To the more than 26,000 active duty and reserve corpsmen around the world, I thank you for your service and for the work you do every day. Happy birthday Hospital Corps!

For the U.S. Navy News Service story of the Surgeon General’s message click [here](#).

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